# Promote Mutual Understanding via Skype with Russian High School Students



Project Title	Promote Mutual Understanding via Skype with Russian High School Students
Project Summary	Interact via Skype sessions with students participating in the Russia Access program - an extracurricular program to teach English to disadvantaged teenagers.
Country	United States
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	PA
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	10

### **Project Description**

The Virtual Intern would commit to two prearranged Skype sessions per week to interact with Russian students in the Access Program. The Access program provides extracurricular language instruction to disadvantaged teens. The intern would be expected to interact for approximately 45 minutes to an hour, twice a week, with Access classes in Russia via Skype. The goal is for the Access students, many of whom live in underserved areas of Russia, to have a chance to interact with an American. We will match interns with several Access sites (currently there are 19 active sites in Russia), taking into account the time difference. Each intern will interact with at least four sites: ideally meeting via Skype with each site once every two weeks. Interns will work with the teachers in the Access program to determine appropriate topics for discussion based on what material the students are working with at the time of the Skype meetings. Topics could include American holidays, popular culture, educational structure, etc.

#### **Desired Skills Interests**

## **Additional Information**

# **Language Requirements**

None